

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-24, and 26-40 are currently pending in the present Application, and claims 1, 3, 4, 6-17, 19-21, 23, 24, 26-37, 39, and 40 stand allowed. Claims 2 and 22 are objected to, and claims 18 and 38 are rejected. In the present Amendment, claims 2, 18, 22, and 38 are cancelled herein.

Reconsideration of the Application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Cancellation Of Rejected Claims

In the Office Action of April 16, 2008, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1, 3, 4, 6-17, 19-21, 23, 24, 26-37, 39, and 40 are allowed. The Examiner has also indicated that claims 2 and 22 are objected to, and claims 18 and 38 stand rejected. Because of the Applicants' wish to expedite the allowance and issuance of the present Application, Applicants therefore refrain from further discussing claims 2, 18, 22, and 38, and instead, herein cancel claims 2, 18, 22, and 38 without prejudice to thereby place the Application in condition for immediate allowance.

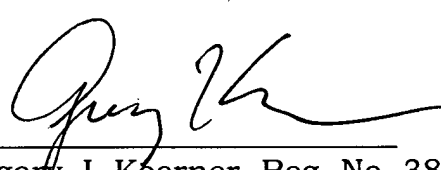
The Applicants expressly state that claims 2, 18, 22, and 38 are not cancelled herein for reasons of patentability. The rejected claims are cancelled solely to expedite the allowance and issuance of the Application. Furthermore, the Applicants also reserve the right to seek allowance of any additional claims in Applications that may claim priority in the present application.

Summary

Applicants submit that the foregoing amendments and remarks place the present Application in condition for immediate allowance. Because the cited references, or the Examiner's citations thereto, do not teach or suggest the claimed invention, and in light of the differences between the claimed invention and the cited prior art, Applicants therefore submit that the claimed invention is patentable over the cited art, and respectfully request the Examiner to allow claims 1, 3, 4, 6-17, 19-21, 23, 24, 26-37, 39, and 40, so that the present Application may issue in a timely manner. If there are any questions concerning this Response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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